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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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IPC Paper: Future Collection Requirements

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1. The IPC Staff draft on Future Collection Requirements has been reviewed. Although the basic idea of involving the IPC in identification of the information needs of the producer community has merit, we believe the current formulation is flawed.

- Creation of a Future Collection Requirements Working Group (FCRWG) would overlap the existing structured requirements process of the DCI Collection Committees and lead to confusion.
- Emphasis on the [REDACTED] Program would too narrowly focus the effort and force discipline specific--in fact, system specific--views to dominate.
- Direct links between the IPC and Program Managers would be disruptive of existing mechanisms, a source of confusion, and unnecessarily costly in time and effort.

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2. We believe there is a valid function for the IPC in identifying intelligence needs and establishing priorities among those which are not being met. Such an effort last year was very helpful in developing the DCI's Program and Fiscal Guidance for FY 1984-1988. More could be done in prioritizing the gaps identified by [REDACTED]. In addition, as in the past, the IPC could be a useful forum for addressal of producer requirements for specific issues such as the study of [REDACTED] Mix, etc.

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3. The various elements of the IC Staff would be happy to work with you to develop alternative procedures to those proposed in the draft to improve the producer's input to the existing requirements process.

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